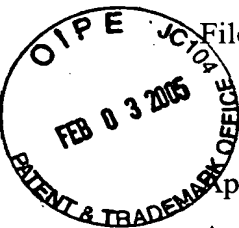


JFW



File No.: 2993-496US JR/mp

Montréal, Canada

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lorin Markarian et al.
Atty. Docket No. 2993-496US JR/mp
Application No. 10/725,578
Filed: December 3, 2003
Title: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR SLIDING JOINT
ART UNIT: 3746

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith on a PTO-1449 form is a listing of the documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

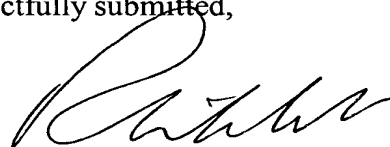
The submission of any document which is not a statutory bar is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

Statement of Relevancy

The listed document is being submitted either in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of a national application or of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application; or pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), within three (3) months from the date of an office action or of a search report issued in a foreign counterpart application citing each of the documents contained in the present statement; or pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), within three (3) months from the first knowledge of each submitted document by any individual designated in C.F.R. §1.56(c), when each such document was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

In the case of submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) and (2), the undersigned Attorney/Agent of Record hereby certifies that the enclosed list of references is hereby submitted within three months (1) from the issuance of the foreign action or search report, or (2) from said first knowledge, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,



February 2, 2005

Date

Agent of the Applicant
Robert Mitchell, Reg. No. 25,007
OGILVY RENAULT
Customer Number: 32292

Substitute for form 1449PTO

PTO/SB/08A/B 08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

| | | | |
|-------|---|----|---|
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 |
|-------|---|----|---|

Complete if Known

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Application Number | 10/725,578 |
| Filing Date | December 3, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Lorin Markarian et al. |
| Art Unit | 3746 |
| Examiner Name | unknown |
| Attorney Docket Number | 2993-496US JR/mp |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant Of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁵ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| | | Country Code ³ – Number ⁴ – Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| | | GB 1 089 660 | Nov. 1, 1967 | Rolls Royce | | |
| | | GB 1 091 573 | Nov. 22, 1967 | Lucas Industries Ltd. | | |
| | | GB 2 102 897 | Feb. 9, 1983 | Gen. Electric | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------|--|

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible.⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.**

DOCSMTL: If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.